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TAGS: CASC (MURPHY, DENIS)

SUBJECT: DENIS MURPHY

REF: MANILA 18012, STATE 291157

1. EMBOFF TALKED WITH MURPHY MORNING DECEMBER 1. MURPHY SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT 30-DAY VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE PERIOD WOULD EXPIRE DECEMBER 5. HOWEVER, MURPHY WAS TOLD RECENTLY BY GERMAN ARABIT, ASSISTANT TO IMMIGRATION COMMISSIONER REYES, THAT 30-DAY PERIOD IS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING OUTCOME OF REQUEST BY BISHOP LABAYEN (MADE IN NOVEMBER 9 LETTER TO REYES) THAT MURPHY'S CASE BE RECONSIDERED. ARABIT ALSO TOLD MURPHY THAT CASE IS ON AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

2. IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH CONSULAR OFFICER DEC 1, ARABIT CONFIRMED THAT 30-DAY PERIOD BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE AND THAT CASE WILL BE RECONSIDERED AT NEXT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. ARABIT COULD NOT SAY WHEN THIS MEETING WOULD BE HELD, BUT SAID IT WOULD PROBABLY BE AFTER REYES RETURNS FROM US.

3. MURPHY HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FATHER ORTIZ OF THE CHURCH-MILITARY LIAISON COMMITTEE AND SAW CARDINAL SIN NOVEMBER 26. HE SAID BOTH ARE WORKING FOR A FAVORABLE OUTCOME OF HIS CASE. MURPHY EXPRESSED IGNORANCE OF THE EXACT NATURE OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HIM. HE SAID THEY PROBABLY STEMMED FROM HIS PAST INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL

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ACTION, INCLUDING HIS WORK WITH SQUATTERS IN TONDO. HE

SAID HE WAS TOLD BY ARABIT THAT IMMIGRATION HAD FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED HIS CASE, BUT THAT THE MILITARY WANTED HIM OUT. MURPHY ALSO SAID HE HAS APPLIED FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE ON BASIS HIS MARRIAGE TO FILIPINA AND (SINCE DIFFERENT OFFICIALS IN IMMIGRATION INVOLVED) HE IS HOPEFUL THIS WILL BE GRANTED IN SPITE OF PENDING DEPORTATION CASE.

4. MURPHY REITERATED HIS REQUEST (SEE MANILA 18012) FOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE EMBASSY HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED HIS CASE WITH REYES AND THAT WE WOULD CONSIDER OTHER APPROPRIATE STEPS.
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